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After-Care of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors

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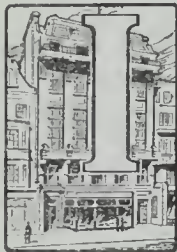
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

OF

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

for the Year ending 31st March, 1919.

(The Accounts are for the year ending 31st December, 1918.)



IN presenting this, the Annual Report of the National Institute for the Blind for 1918, we are well aware that the task before us is not an easy one. Each year the list of our obligations and undertakings grows larger, each year adds to the list of our friends and supporters. Assuredly this is an inspiring thought and the finest spur to further aims and endeavours.

In looking back over the achievements of the past year the President and Council of the Institute feel that they have every reason for true encouragement, yet this very feeling would be impossible save for the knowledge behind it, that it is owing to the whole-hearted support of a generous and far-seeing public that so much has been accomplished, as they hope and believe there is so much more that will be achieved owing to the same generous co-operation. Their Majesties the King and Queen and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra are, as the world knows, our Patrons, and at the invitation of our President it is gratifying to be able to announce that the following gentlemen have kindly consented to become additional Vice-Presidents of the Institute :—

The Duke of Devonshire
The Duke of Rutland
The Duke of Newcastle
The Duke of Sutherland
The Marquess of Salisbury
The Marquess of Crewe
The Earl of Chesterfield
The Earl Fitzwilliam
The Earl of Lonsdale
The Earl of Ancaster
The Earl Curzon of Kedleston

It is only within comparatively recent years that a change in the attitude of the general public towards their physically less fortunate brothers and sisters, who have been deprived of that most priceless of all possessions, the gift of sight, has become apparent. The Institute, is a perennial pioneer in this direction. That blindness is a terrible handicap speaks for itself ; to prove that it is not an affliction is the great task that lies before us all.

There is surely no more pathetic figure than that of the little blind baby. It is terrible to think of a little toddler on the threshold of life, to the ordinary child an ever-changing picture-book of wonders, doomed to grope its way through a darkness that can never be lifted, a darkness made more intense by reason of the stern fact that in some cases the baby is "unwanted." What chance of happiness lies ahead for so pitiful a mortal ? But now a step has been taken that will supply a long-felt want. During the year "Sunshine House," the Institute's Home for Blind Babies, was equipped and opened and now contains its full complement of 25 children. Short though the time is in which the Home has been in existence, the results have more than justified the experiment. In the midst of most delightful country, surrounded by efficient care and sympathy, the children are being educated and trained on the most approved lines, while so far as their physical development is concerned everything possible is being done by way of medical and surgical treatment, as the list of the Medical Staff given below will prove :—

Eric Pritchard, Esq., M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., Consulting Physician.

N. Bishop Harman, Esq., M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. L.R.C.P., Ophthalmic Surgeon.

H. J. Cardew, Esq., M.A., M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Consulting Physician.

F. V. Denne, Esq., M.D., Dental Surgeon.

Herbert Batten, F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon.

Miss Agnes Keen, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Edin., Anæsthetist.

B. Pearson, Pharmacist.

In some cases—in one, this has already been achieved—it is not too much to hope that with care and attention sight may be restored to the little patients.

It must be remembered that many of the children come from very indifferent homes and arrive in a dirty and emaciated condition. To show how complex the initial stages of the education of the little blind child are, the following story will give proof better than any elaborate account. A child was asked what she would like for her birthday. "Birthday" was a puzzling word. She was four years old and had never known the happy birthday party of the sighted child. She was asked if she would like chocolates, apples or cakes, or sweets, but to all such suggestions she shook her head. At last she said : "I would like a policeman." She might just as well have said an elephant or pillar-box or a lamp-post. She had heard the word "policeman" and the sound of it attracted her.

Two sums towards the endowment of the Home for Blind Babies have been received, one from Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Edwards, of Ealing, W., £500, as a memorial of their son, Leo Edwards, and one from Miss Agnes D. Spires, of Compton Street, W.C., £500.

The Chairman of the Council, and the Hon. Sec. of the Blind Babies Home, Sir Washington Ranger, D.C.L., is busily engaged in raising funds for the maintenance of "Sunshine House" and the provisioning of the further Homes, for entrance to which there is a long waiting list. The children when they leave "Sunshine House" will be transferred to certified schools for the blind when they arrive at the statutory age of five years.

The Higher Education of the Blind is also a matter of paramount importance, and in order to promote this the Council has set aside the sum of £750 per annum, to be used towards meeting the fees of students in colleges and schools for the Blind.

But just as one cannot make bricks without straw, neither can any man or woman go through life without the mental stimulus to be derived from literature. Without the power to read a man is indeed a creature to be pitied and the Institute is proud to reflect that, notwithstanding the difficulties of production entailed by the late war, the output of Braille and Moon literature has been fully maintained. Here figures will speak better than words and a glance at the table given below will give more evidence than any flowery periods of the importance of this side of the Institute's work :—

BRAILLE PUBLICATIONS :—					1918.
<i>Literature</i>	Bound volumes	...	...	..	17,943
	Pamphlets	...	...	..	7,234
	Magazines	...	...	...	37,812
	Instruction Cards	...	...	...	2,556
	Newspapers	...	...	...	103,064
<i>Music</i>	Bound volumes	...	...	...	1,371
	Pieces of music	...	...	...	18,238
					<u>188,218</u>

Braille Book Plates produced :—

Literature (including newspapers and magazines)					...	23,081
Music					...	1,980
						<u>25,061</u>

MOON PUBLICATIONS :—

Bound volumes					...	5,477
Pamphlets, Magazines, etc.					...	7,017
						<u>12,494</u>

<i>Moon Book Plates</i> produced					...	<u>5,262</u>
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The importance of the work of the National Institute in connection with supplying Braille literature to the blind has found ample testimony in the report of the National Library. The Institute has given 4,155 Braille Volumes, 145 Pamphlets, new Braille publications and 1,305 pieces of music to the Library; 2,110 of the volumes were printed from plates, the cost of the production of which was borne by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. The Northern Branch of the Library has also received two copies of each published work. As regards Moon readers, it is interesting to note that there are 800 readers of Moon on the Library's register. In addition to the above, 1,000 volumes in Moon type have been presented to the Library. When expressed in money value the contributions to the National Library means the sum of £2,000.

Music again is a subject that plays a great part in all our lives and particularly in the lives of the blind. The output of music for 1918 shows an increase on the previous year and a special effort has been made to meet the very varying needs of blind musicians.

The Council of the Institute has also offered to provide any Braille books, magazines and periodicals that blinded soldiers may want, for the rest of their lives, free of charge, while there are two other organisations attached to the Institute that have very materially assisted the cause of the brave men who lost their sight in the war. The first of these is the Blind Musicians' Concert Party, managed by Lady Pearson, and we are pleased to be able to state that the year 1918 has been a record one in its history. 321 concerts were given during the year and the splendid sum of £25,263 was realised. In November, 1918, the Blind Musicians appeared for the first time at the Queen's Hall, London, before Queen Alexandra and many Royalties, at which the President delivered an address. There is a fine picturesqueness about this thoroughly practical way of the blind helping the blind.

The other organisation is the Carol League. This arranges for parties to go out Carol singing at Christmas time, with the result that a fine old English custom has received a great impetus, while substantial financial aid has accrued in consequence, both to the Blind Community in general and the Blinded Soldiers.

Mention must now be made of a very important branch of the Institute's work, its School of Massage. The School is still being entirely devoted to the training of blinded soldiers and it is gratifying to be able to state that up to the present time 61 blinded soldiers have successfully passed the examination of the Incorporated Society for Trained Masseurs. The whole of these have been in the first case appointed to Military and other Hospitals, and many of them have already passed through this stage and started in private practice with great success. But the civilian blind students have not been forgotten. The training of civilian students, by arrangement with the National Institute, has been undertaken by one of the London Hospitals and five students qualified during the past year. The Institute has also arranged for the training of women students at a School approved by the Incorporated Society, and the five students who entered in 1918 for the Massage Examination were all successful. At the present moment civilian male and female students who have successfully qualified number twenty-seven. They have been very materially assisted by the National Institute in the way of fees, books and apparatus. By special arrangement of the National Institute arrangements are made for women students to stay, during their Massage training, at

its Residential Club for Blind Women, 40, Langham Street, London, W. 1 ; a guide is also provided by the Institute for these students.

This club has now been in existence for two years and the average number of residents during the year 1918 was thirty-eight, of whom not more than three were sighted, all being employed in different branches of the National Institute for the Blind. This Club, the first of its kind for blind girl workers, has met with deserved success and has filled a long-felt want.

A typical case may be cited of the success achieved by one of our blind masseuses, after she came under the care of the Massage Department of the National Institute. This Masseuse had for several years tried in vain to work up a private connection in a fair-sized town not far from London ; she had practically no recognition from the medical men resident there. At length she came to London, and, under the auspices of the National Institute, took the certificate of the Incorporated Society. She returned to the same neighbourhood and obtained an appointment at a military hospital, gradually worked up an excellent private connection, and at the present time she has secured an appointment under the Ministry of Pensions in her own neighbourhood. From this it will be seen what an infinitely better chance a masseur or masseuse has with the Institute watching over his or her interests.

In connection with the Massage Department a medico-scientific library for students has been inaugurated. Dr. J. Lloyd Johnstone, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), who is himself blind, is in charge of this section of the work. As he is also a qualified masseur, he is well able to supervise the compilation of text books for the students. Some of the works edited by Dr. Lloyd Johnstone and published in Braille by the National Institute, comprise Gray's "Anatomy," "Advanced Human Physiology," "Aids to Medicine," "Aids to Surgery," "Medical Electricity," "Remedial Exercises," "Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms," "Groundwork of Psychology," etc., and the library contains forty-eight Braille volumes for the use of blind students. In fact, we may say that our students are as well, or even better, supplied with literature than sighted students of massage. Free copies of all works required by students are supplied.

In accordance with a general wish expressed by many of our blind masseurs for some kind of official representation, an association is being formed, which will be known as the Association of Certificated Blind

Masseurs. It will promote the welfare, and protect and advance the interests of all certificated, qualified and capable blind masseurs.

The Home Teaching Branch has steadily progressed. With the aid of grants totalling £2,487 from The National Institute, and one of £90 from Gardner's Trust for The Blind, it has employed thirty-one Blind as teachers and visitors. The number on the registers is 3,803. Of these 250 have learnt to read by touch, and many have been taught knitting, netting, chair caning, string-bag making, and other occupations by which it is possible for the blind to earn a small income in the home. Teachers have been started in five additional centres, viz., Barrow-in-Furness, Ashford in Kent, Bridgwater in Somerset, Cardiff in Glamorgan, and Portsmouth in Hampshire.

Seven magazines in Braille and two in Moon type are circulated by each teacher. Seventeen teachers act as colporteurs, lending and exchanging books in Braille or in Moon type ; and the Society pays for the carriage of books from the National Library for the Blind to 548 readers—thus fulfilling one of its original objects, although no longer possessing its own library.

It is interesting to note that the secretarial staff of the Home Teaching Branch who have voluntarily carried on the work of the Institute's War Savings Association, have thereby assisted in the investment of £1,112 18s. War Savings Certificates.

In our last report mention was made of "The Cedars," Chorley Wood, Herts., a beautiful house standing in grounds of 50 acres, which had been presented to the Institute through the beneficence of one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. H. Batty, to be a College for the Higher Education of Blind Girls. We have now to record another very generous gift to the Institute in the shape of Ebley Mansion, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire—a spacious and admirably designed house, standing in grounds of 8 acres, and presented to the Institute by Mr. T. H. Mordey, of Dominion Buildings, Cardiff. It is hoped that this house will be used as a Home for Blind Women in reduced circumstances. Still another house, "Bannow," St. Leonards-on-Sea, has been purchased by the Dickens Fellowship as a Convalescent Home for Blinded Soldiers. This building will be held in trust by the Institute and the Dickens Fellowship, to whose President, Mr. W. Walter Crotch, the warmest thanks are due for the whole-hearted way in which he has worked towards securing this new home.

A letter has been received from the Local Government Board to express the gratitude of the Board for the large quantities of games, such as dominoes, cards, etc., which have been presented by the Institute to the blind inmates of the Poor Law Institutions in London and the Provinces. It is interesting to be able to record that ninety-two Unions, twenty-six in London and sixty-six in the country, have been supplied with sets of games, 325 sets of dominoes and 324 packs of cards having been supplied. It requires little imagination to realise how much these games will be appreciated amongst those who have so little pleasure in their lives.

We now come to one of the most important departments of the Institute—the After-Care of civilians, as the figures we shall give will show. £8,594 has been expended in training fees, special grants to meet times of difficulty, in the relief of distress and the assistance of trades. Opportunities have been found for forty-five persons for training, seventeen have been sent to Convalescent Homes and permanent homes have been found for seven. Eleven expensive surgical appliances have been provided, while 500 visits have been paid by our representatives. At the request of the Local Government Board the After-Care Department undertook and carried out a system of organisation for the payment of extra profits, allowed by the Ministry of Food, to all blind tea agents who were not drawing their supplies from certain recognised sources, with the result that extra profits amounting to £400 resulted, up to the time when tea restrictions were removed. The Local Government Board was also supplied with a complete list of all the blind in England and Wales known to the Institute and its branches. This involved the collection of names from the various departments, while by a special system of card-indexing, the names and addresses were tabulated alphabetically, a list of over 11,000 blind people being duly sent in by the date appointed.

The activity of the Sales Depot of the After-Care Department at 206, Great Portland Street, will be realised when it is announced that goods made by the blind and sold there amounted approximately to £10,500. The Sales Dépôt also supplies blind workers with raw materials at cost price, the blind worker getting full retail prices for all handicrafts. The After-Care Department has on its books a total of 4,050 blind persons, 1,068 of these being new cases dealt with for the first time during the year under review.

As regards the settlement and after-care of blinded soldiers and sailors, there were at the end of March 695 men training at St. Dunstan's and its annexes, while over 600 have passed through their course of training and have been settled at their home industries or in business in various parts of the country. There are still a considerable number of men under treatment in London and out-lying hospitals for whom accommodation will be provided when convalescent. The Blinded Soldiers and Sailors After-Care Department provides men, at cost price, with any materials they may require for their trades, assists them in marketing their goods, both locally and centrally, and employs a staff of visitors and local agents skilled in the various occupations men follow, to visit them and give them technical advice and assistance. Funds are provided from which allowances are made in cases of sickness or business difficulties, and a special fund, called the Blinded Soldiers' Children Fund, exists for the purpose of providing a weekly allowance for children born to blinded soldiers after their discharge—such children being unprovided for by the Pensions Ministry. The After-Care Department acts in a treble capacity, as a universal provider, an employment bureau and a centre from which advice and assistance, whether of a technical, business or private nature can be obtained. The future welfare of blinded soldiers will be in the care of the National Institute for the Blind, who have secured to St. Dunstan's an excellent site in the west end of London, almost adjoining the present building, on which offices will be erected, and from which the After-Care Scheme will be directed and controlled.

The Works Department of the National Institute has done most admirable service to blinded soldiers by providing and experimenting with new equipment and tools especially designed for their use.

At this juncture we should like to record the splendid gift by Mr. G. W. Hayes (in memory of his son, Harry Vernon Hayes, who fell in the war), who has presented Hoole Bank, Chester, a mansion standing in its own grounds of some 23 acres, to be used as a Training School for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, and for civilians who lose their sight in industrial life.

Before the commencement of the meeting on March 11th, 1919, the Chairman on behalf of the Council cordially welcomed the President on his safe return from Canada and the United States, and

complimented him on his extraordinarily successful tour as evidenced by the newspaper reports and letters received at the Institute. The President, in thanking the Chairman and Council, gave a most interesting and instructive account of his travels and of the reception accorded to him by statesmen and other leading personages both in the United States and in Canada. Particularly interesting and gratifying was the President's account of the successes of Blinded Canadian Soldiers trained at St. Dunstan's and now settled in Canada, and of the effect that this had had in awakening the public interest in the cause of the blind.

As regards the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto, this Institution is now federated with the National Institute, with aims and objects similar to those of the London establishment. Mr. W. E. Cowen now jointly represents the C. N. I. and the National Institute in Canada.

In addition to the seven Branches that already exist or have been arranged for, it has been decided to divide up the remainder of England into seven more Branches as given below, with the result that the whole of England and Wales and the Isle of Man will be covered by fourteen Branches, each with suitable offices, and secretary and staff :—

East Midland Branch (with offices in Leicester), comprising the counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutlandshire, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

Eastern Branch (with offices in Cambridge), comprising the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and Essex.

Home Counties Branch (with offices in Oxford), comprising the counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire, and Middlesex.

Metropolitan Branch (with offices in London), comprising the county of London.

South Eastern Branch (with offices in Tunbridge Wells), comprising the counties of Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Western Branch (with offices in Bristol), comprising the counties of Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Hampshire.

South Western Branch (with offices in Exeter), comprising the counties of Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall.

The duties of the Branch Secretaries consist in creating interest in the special and far-reaching work of the Institute and in the cause of the blind generally, to work in close co-operation with the local Institutions and, in many instances, to raise funds for carrying on their work.

The Irish Branch of the Institute is being successfully carried on under the efficient care of the Irish Secretary, Mr. W. Rochfort Wade, M.A. A detailed Report is published separately and will be forwarded on application.

As regards the work of the Moon Society Branch, this work has gone steadily forward, as a glance at the figures given under Embossed Literature will show. Costly new machinery has been installed since the publication of the last Report, and many improvements have been made.

The Blind Relief Visiting Society for Brighton, Hove and District has become a Branch of the Institute, with offices at 1, Pavilion Buildings, Brighton. The Secretary is Miss E. Munro Ritchie.

We should like to call attention to the audited Statement of Accounts over-leaf, which will show that the Institute has made substantial grants to the various Colleges and Schools for the Blind, these grants being mostly made for special purposes. Mention must also be made of the allocation, with the approval of the Court, by C. F. Denny, Esq., the Administrator of the estate of the late H. F. Bailey, of the sum of £11,000, vested in the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, the income of which is to be applied by the Institute, as to five equal eleventh parts for the benefit of sick poor and blind persons, as to a further five equal eleventh parts for the general purposes of the Institute, and as to the remaining one equal eleventh part for such general purposes of the Institute as are for the time being carried on for blind women by the London Knitting Industries, Limited, or by any other Company or Society carrying on similar work as the Institute may from time to time decide.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1918.

Revenue and Expenditure : General Account.

Balance Sheet : General Account.

Investments on General Account.

Revenue and Expenditure Account : Blinded Soldiers and Sailors
After-Care.

Balance Sheet : Blinded Soldiers and Sailors After-Care.

Investments on After-Care Capital Account.

Revenue and Expenditure Account : Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE: GENERAL ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

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REVENUE.

To Subscriptions, Donations and Collections, etc.	£	s.	d.
Remittances from Branches, after payment of expenses	73,823	2	6
Balance from Chaplains' Account	45,723	7	4
Donations on account of Special Stereo Plates	1,866	3	9
Income from Investments and Interest on Deposit	1,366	9	2
Income from Special Investments : Salomon's Bequest	996	0	6
Bailey's do.	351	7	4
Armitage Fund for the Employment of Blind Writers	279	13	2
Income received from The Workshipful Company of Clothworkers, Trustees of The Armitage Memorial Fund	96	13	6
Miscellaneous Revenue	122	0	0
Home for Blind Babies : Donations and Collections	50	16	11
Massage Branch : Donations and Sundry Receipts	108	17	2
	311	2	9

Carried forward

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EXPENDITURE.

By Paper, Printing, Binding Materials, Watches, Typewriters, Manufactured Goods, Apparatus, etc. ...	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages to Blind Operatives and Sighted Officials	61,264	11	9
Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	29,659	0	5
Repairs and Maintenance to Premises	2,418	9	10
Repairs and Maintenance to Machinery	1,932	9	6
	767	16	10
Fuel, Light, Water, and Power	2,700	6	4
Illustrations and Publicity	1,437	10	8
Postage and Carriage	648	6	3
Expenditure on account of Special Stereo Plates... ..	2,766	4	9
General Expenses	707	7	6
Legal and Professional Charges	1,917	17	0
Stationery, Books and Sundries	393	19	1
Grants— Home Teaching Society	1,116	17	8
Moon Society, Brighton	2,487	12	3
West London Workshops for the Blind	1,500	0	0
Swiss Cottage School for the Blind Northern Union of Societies for the Blind	500	0	0
Barclay Workshops for the Blind Barclay Home for the Blind, Brighton	300	0	0
	250	0	0
	200	0	0
	200	0	0

Carried forward ... £5,437 12 3

£105,030 11 3

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	190,078	4	5	118,109	2	4
Relief to Necessitous Blind, and Wages to Blind Collectors	...	...	...	...	26,128	3	11
Residential Club for Blind Women (less Receipts)	...	...	...	...	1,049	19	8
Higher Education for the Blind : Fees and Disbursements	...	...	...	...	349	12	6
Home for Blind Babies : Salaries, Upkeep, etc.	...	...	...	...	824	19	2
The Cedars, Chorley Wood, for the Higher Education of the Blind : Salaries, Upkeep, etc.	...	...	...	...	1,480	19	1
Massage Branch : Salaries, Apparatus, etc.	...	...	...	...	796	9	9
Armitage Fund for the Employment of Blind Writers	...	...	...	...	92	5	1
Civilian After-Care Expenses	...	...	...	...	356	4	5
Research Work	...	...	...	...	113	19	9
Depreciation—							
Plant @ 10 %	...	...	...	...	890	12	0
Furniture and Fixtures @ 10 %	...	...	...	...	750	11	10
Written off Lease 38-40, Langham St. Reserve for Development of various Branches to which the Institute is committed	...	...	...	...	1,641	3	10
Provision for Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...	191	16	0
Balance to Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	20,000	0	0
					1,000	0	0
					17,943	8	11
					<u>£190,078 4 5</u>		

BALANCE SHEET, GENERAL ACCOUNT,

Dr.

31st December, 1918.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Trade Creditors	5,733	9	11			
Leeds Embossed Book Fund—						
War Stock held in						16,221 8 6
Trust						
Do. Cash to be ex-						25,769 4 9
pended						3,195 12 7
	1,342	12	0			
Sundry Credit Balances	28	18	5			28,964 17 4
Capital Account for General Pur-						
poses, transferred from Accumu-						
lated Funds						11,648 7 0
Capital Account for Building and						
Equipment—						
Balance at 31st December, 1917 ...	67,078	6	6			
transferred from Accumulated						1,283 15 6
Funds	10,421	12	3			10,364 11 6
Reserve for Repairs and Renewals—						
Balance at 31st December, 1917 ...	1,000	0	0			
Transfer from Revenue and Ex-						1,603 17 6
penditure Account	1,000	0	0			11,968 9 0
Reserve for Development of Branches						
Home for Blind Babies' Endow-						
ment Fund—						
Per Mrs. Rowe Edwards	500	0	0			
" Miss Spers	500	0	0			
						5,753 13 0
						1,657 6 0
	1,000	0	0			15,426 7 2
Investments, specifically appro-						
iated, as detailed on page 23...						77,499 18 9
Residential Club for Blind Women :						
Furniture and Fittings						22,283 15 6
						390 10 7
Carried forward						£157,328 19 8

Brought forward ...	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
			148,538	5 5
Accumulated Funds—				
Balance at 31st December, 1917 ...	82,056	3 2		
<i>Add Legacies—</i>				
H. F. Bailey, Esq. 11,000 0 0				
Miss M. A. Ries ... 475 0 0				
Miss Everard ... 300 0 0				
Miss Julia Patten ... 50 0 0				
Miss J. A. C. Bowring ... 45 0 0				
Miss Harriet Smart ... 11 3 4				
Brig.-Gen. N. T. Nickalls 10 0 0				
	11,891	3 4		
Donations of Stock ...	603	17 6		
	94,551	4 0		
Balance of Revenue and Expenditure Account ...	17,943	8 11		
	112,494	12 11		
<i>Less Transferred to Capital Account, above for Building and Equipment ...</i>	10,421	12 3		
Do. for General Purposes ...	40,933	6 4		
	51,354	18 7	61,139	14 4
			£209,677	19 9

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations which we have required, and that in our opinion the Balance Sheet at the 31st December, 1918, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institute's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shewn by the books of the Institute.

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Brought forward ...	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
			157,328	19 8
Furniture and Fittings at Branches, Less Depreciation at 10% ...			1,001	14 3
Furniture and Fittings, Home for Blind Babies ...			820	17 4
The Cedars, Chorley Wood, Higher Education for the Blind—				
Live Stock ...	161	10 0		
Furniture and Fittings ...	190	17 6		
	352	7 6		
Stock, at or below cost, taken by Officials of the Institute ...			32,050	18 11
Sundry Debtors—				
Town, Country and Export ...	4,111	14 5		
St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors (since paid)	11,521	17 11		
Sundry Debit Balances and Payments in advance ...	2,489	9 9		
	18,123	2 1		
The Secretary-General certifies that the Institute has upwards of 162,173 plates, which are used for producing the books in circulation and specified in the Institute's Catalogue. These are of the approximate value to the Institute £18,143 16s. 6d., but if sold as old metal on the 31st December, 1918, they would have realised £2,249 8s. 9d. They are not included in the above Balance Sheet.			£209,677	19 9

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INVESTMENTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.

For General Purposes.

	£	s.	d.
Freehold Ground Rents	5,580	0	0
Freehold Properties	20,189	4	9
	25,769	4	9
Leasehold Properties	3,195	12	7
	<u>£28,964</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>

	£	s.	d.
4½% Great Western Railway Debenture Stock	420	0	0
4% Port of London "B" Debentures	375	0	0
Sir Alfred Jones, Endowment Fund	1,000	0	0
5% National War Bonds	2,850	0	0
5% Exchequer Bonds	200	0	0
French War Loan	256	0	0
2½% Consols	132	19	2
2½% Midland Railway Debenture Stock	391	13	7
2½% Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	123	15	2
3½% New South Wales Consolidated Stock	282	18	9
4% New South Wales Consolidated Stock	324	0	0
3% Local Loan Consolidated Stock	240	0	0
3% India Consolidated Stock	244	3	7
3½% India Consolidated Stock	128	0	0
2½% India Consolidated Stock	202	11	5
5% Great Western Railway Guaranteed Stock	229	7	2
5% War Stock	4,568	0	2
	<u>£11,968</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

Investments specifically appropriated

	£	s.	d.
3% Local Loan, Bailey Bequest	11,000	0	0
5% National War Bonds, Salomon Bequest	10,000	0	0
War Stock (Leeds Embossed Books Fund)	1,283	15	6
	<u>£22,283</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>

BLINDED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS: AFTER-CARE BRANCH

Dr.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1918.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors						
Capital Account for Building and Equipment at West House, Brighton—						
Contribution from the Federation of Grocers	4,520	0	0			
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	9,808	16	9			
				14,328	16	9
Accumulated Funds—						
Balance at 31st December, 1917	231,465	1	2			
Less Transferred to Blinded Soldiers' & Sailors' Fund	21,910	9	0			
				209,554	12	2
Add—Legacy.						
Executors of the late Mrs. J. B. Blyth				100	0	0
Donations.						
5% National War Bonds, per Geo. H. Fry, Esq., Borough Treas., Town Hall, Halifax...	300	0	0			
4% National War Bonds, per Wm. Williamson, Esq., Managing Director Messrs. Haig & Haig, Ltd.						
	£450	0	0	£209,654	12	2
Carried forward				£17,695	3	4
By Cash at Bank						
Investments, as detailed on p. 27, viz., as at December 31, 1917	149,905	10	6			
Do., during 1918, at cost	79,768	0	0			
				229,673	10	6
West House, Brighton—						
Purchase of Freehold, and Expenditure to 31st December, 1917	4,704	7	7			
Expenditure during year 1918	1,611	0	10			
	6,315	8	5			
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—						
Less Depreciation	8,013	8	4			
				14,328	16	9
Sundry Freehold Properties, as detailed on p. 27				15,958	0	4
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—						
104, Queen's Road, Brighton	985	4	2			
Stock, at or below cost, taken by Officials of the Branch	1,341	16	0			
Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Children Fund, Advance to start American Fund	1,000	0	0			
Amounts owing for materials, etc.	1,197	7	2			
Carried forward				£272,804	2	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	450	0	0	209,654	12	2	17,695	3	4
6% Exchequer Bond, per Miss Ada C. N. English ...	5	0	0						
Stock at 1st January, 1918, now brought in on re-adjusted system of Accounts...				455	0	0			
<i>Add</i> Capital Expenditure at West House, Brighton, transfer from Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Account ...				627	1	3			
Balance from Revenue and Expenditure Account ...				62	10	6			
				54,118	12	1			
				264,917	16	0			
<i>Less</i> Transferred to Capital Account above for Building and Equipment ...				9,808	16	9			
				255,108	19	3			
				£272,804	2	7			

Brought forward ... £ s. d.
272,804 2 7

£272,804 2 7

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BLINDED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS: AFTER-CARE BRANCH.

31st DECEMBER, 1918.

INVESTMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
5% Exchequer Bonds, 1922	23,800	0	0
War Savings Certificate	77	10	0
Mortgage on Freehold Property	1,500	0	0
5% Bradford Corporation Mortgage	200	0	0
5% War Bond, 1929-47	50	0	0
4% New Zealand Stock	3,400	0	0
4% New South Wales Stock	3,240	0	0
4% Gold Coast Government Stock	3,289	8	9
4% South Indian Railway Debentures	2,880	0	0
5% National War Bonds, 1924	300	0	0
Endowment Policy	214	7	0
6% Exchequer Bond	5	0	0
5% National War Bonds, 1922	300	0	0
4% " " " 1928	150	0	0
5% " " " 1928	30,100	0	0
5% " " " 1927	50,000	0	0
5% War Stock, 1929-47	109,067	16	5
5% " " " " (Hornshaw's Endowment)	1,099	8	4
	<u>£229,673</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>

SUNDRY FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

	£	s.	d.
Basingstoke	1,421	17	7
Burnham-on-Crouch	616	6	3
King's Langley	1,961	13	7
Newent	588	3	0
Brimpton	376	14	3
Aston Ingham	277	7	2
Lyneham	276	0	0
Verwood	775	0	0
Laindon	402	12	5
Calstock	435	13	4
Todmorden	315	0	0
Carterton	359	0	0
Swindon... ..	200	0	0
Winthorpe	534	17	7
Potto	75	0	0
Gravesend	1,094	10	8
Leighton Buzzard	616	7	8
Bannow	100	0	0
Chedburgh	420	0	0
Coggeshall	200	0	0
Ilkley	4,911	16	10
	<u>£15,958</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

BLINDED SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Dr. for the year ended 31st December, 1918. *Cr.*

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec. 1917 (part of £231,465 1s. 2d.)			By Salaries and Wages		
Donations and Collections, etc.	21,910	9 0	Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance...	580	4 2
Allocation, from Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' After-Care Account	30,457	0 11	General Expenses	477	9 2
Dividends on Investments	62	19 2	Massage—Fees and Appliances	149	8 0
Interest on Deposit	7	4 5	Expenditure on Convalescent Homes for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors	67	2 6
Miscellaneous Revenue	70	3 7	Payments to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors:	5,783	3 0
	5	9 2	Gross Proceeds of Concerts by Blind Musicians	26,186	7 4
				25,263	9 4
			Balance of Cash, transferred to St. Dunstan's to close Fund	2,373	8 8
			Expenditure at West House, Brighton, transferred to After-Care Branch	62	10 6
				2,435	19 2
				£60,943	2 8

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We have verified the above Revenue and Expenditure Account with the Books of the Institute and the Vouchers produced to us, and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

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